

HOUSE No. 2407

By Mr. Petruccelli of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Menino and others relative to reimbursement by the Commonwealth to cities and towns for unused and blighted state property. Revenue.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Thomas M. Menino	Gloria L. Fox
Anthony Petruccelli	Marie P. St. Fleur
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT FOR FAIR REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNUSED AND BLIGHTED STATE PROPERTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 58 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 at the end thereof the following new section:
3 Section 17D. In the event that lands are categorized as surplus
4 or are not being used for the purposes stated in section thirteen or
5 for other charitable or tax-exempt purposes, are blighted and there
6 is no published plan or active planning process to return said land
7 to productive use, the commonwealth shall reimburse each town
8 an amount in lieu of taxes upon the value of such land as reported
9 to it by the commissioner under dollars of valuation or fractional
10 part thereof by the tax rate established in each town. For the pur-
11 pose of this Section, blighted lands are defined as lands located in
12 seriously distressed areas having a significant amount of vacant
13 land or buildings, as defined by the department of housing and
14 community development, further such lands are property that has
15 been deemed surplus or has not been used for the purpose stated
16 in section thirteen or for other charitable or tax-exempt purposes
17 for five consecutive years and one that constitutes a blighting
18 influence upon the surrounding area.

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